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Statement of Bishop Tobin on Congressman Langevin's Position on Abortion

Although Congressman Langevin had previously attempted to nuance his pro-life position, his new statement on behalf of the "Women's Health Protection Act" removes any doubt about where he stands and is terribly disappointing. "I have reconsidered my position on reproductive rights," the Congressman writes, and in so doing he joins the partisan pro-abortion bandwagon.

We are so tired of hearing Catholic politicians say, as Jim Langevin does, "Although I remain personally opposed to abortion . . ." and then go on to support abortion. That pathetic excuse doesn't fly anymore. Jim Langevin claims to be a "practicing Catholic," but practicing Catholics do not promote the legalization of abortion which the Church clearly teaches is an "abominable crime."

Setting aside the partisan rhetoric, we are obliged to speak the truth: that every time an abortion takes place, a child dies. Sadly, that reality will now be on the heart and soul and conscience of Jim Langevin.

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